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Steens Mountain Advisory Council Meeting Scheduled for February 1, 2

BURNS, Oregon – The next Steens Mountain Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, February 1 and 2, at the BLM Burns District Office, 28910 Highway 20 West in Hines. The meeting will open at 8:00 a.m. each day. Topics of discussion for the two-day session include Steens Mountain Travel Management planning and purposes of the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act of 2000. Updates from the Chairman, Designated Federal Official, and Andrews Resource Area Field Manager will also be heard. The Council will elect a new Chairman for the 2007 calendar year and propose topics for the March meeting before adjourning around 12:00 noon on Friday. Any other matters that may reasonably come before the SMAC may also be addressed.

The public is welcome to attend all portions of the meeting and may contribute during public the comment period at 11:00 a.m. each day. Those who verbally address the SMAC during the open session are asked to also provide a written statement of their comments or presentation. Unless otherwise approved by the SMAC Chair, the public comment period will last no longer than 30 minutes, and each speaker may address the SMAC for a maximum of 5 minutes. Time for SMAC members to address speakers will be allotted at the end of each public comment period.

If you have information you would like distributed to SMAC members, please send it to Rhonda Karges at the Burns District Office, 28910 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738, prior to the start of the meeting. If you send information or general correspondence to anyone at the Burns District Office and would like a copy given to the SMAC, please write "COPY TO SMAC" on the envelope and enclosed document(s).

For further information on the SMAC or the upcoming meeting, contact Rhonda Karges at the Burns District Office at (541) 573-4400, weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

